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Patent Application No. JP 2001-135138. The Office Action cited Japanese Unexamined Patent Publication Nos. JP 10-93675; JP 11-225198; JP 5-204512; JP 2000-75837; JP 8-146902; JP 11-126047; JP 11-327509; JP 8-148056; JP 11-191340; JP 8-265413; JP 5-274261; JP 11-88948; JP 5-176044; JP 8-137487; National Publication of Translated Version No. 5-505929; Microfilm of Japanese Utility Model Application No. 2-112526 (Japanese Unexamined Utility Model Publication No. 4-68314).

Japanese Patent Publication Nos. JP 5-505929 (which corresponds to PCT International Publication No. WO 92/14345); JP 11-225198; JP 5-204512 (which corresponds to European Patent Application No. EP 0554084 A2); JP 08-148056; JP 11-191340 and Japanese Unexamined Utility Model Publication No. JP 4-68314, were previously cited on an Information Disclosure Statement for this application and copies were provided to the Examiner. As such, further copies of these documents are not enclosed.

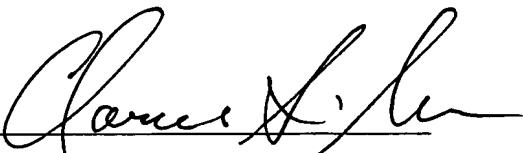
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